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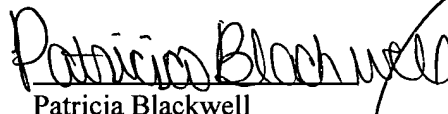
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Joseph R. Esposito, Jr.  
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**AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 35 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Official Action dated April 16, 2002.  
Please amend the above-identified application as follows: